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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MPGRF)  
THE DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
THE DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: Proposal for Orientation Lectures on the Central Intelligence Agency at Selected Service Colleges

In recent discussions with representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency the question of adequate orientation of military officers attending JCS and Service-sponsored colleges on the establishment and purpose of the CIA was raised. The CIA currently provides speakers for these various colleges on special subjects. They note that students almost always ask many questions about CIA which go beyond the speaker's subject. The CIA appears to favor a special presentation to meet these questions and has suggested that each of these schools might include at an appropriate point in the curriculum an introductory lecture on the organization and functions of the CIA. Such a lecture might be a summary of CIA intelligence and operations functions, including some information on CIA's clandestine services and where they all fit into the national picture. Depending on the individual needs, supplementary lectures giving more detail on particular areas could be arranged.

I believe such presentations, tailored to fit each school where there is a need for such information, would be most helpful in preparing the student officers for future assignments, wherever they may be.

It is requested that you explore this suggestion with the appropriate school representatives and advise me of your views.

/s/ GRAVES B. ERSKINE  
General, USMC (Ret)  
Assistant to the  
Secretary of Defense  
(Special Operations)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
(SPECIAL OPERATIONS)

SUBJECT: Proposal for Orientation Lectures on the Central Intelligence  
Agency at Selected Service Colleges

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 9 March 1960,  
subject as above.
2. The Army concurs in the CIA suggestion to provide an intro-  
ductory lecture on the organization and functions of CIA at the U. S.  
Army War College and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.
3. It is recommended that this lecture be presented on an annual  
basis commencing with the 1960-61 school year and that details of the  
presentation be developed through direct communication between CIA and  
the College Commandants.

(Signed)

Dewey Short  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
(Manpower, Personnel and Reserve Forces)

*Army*



Op-923T/eg  
Ser 3785P92

**From:** Director of Naval Intelligence (Op-923T)  
**To:** Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations)  
**Subj:** Orientation Lectures on the Central Intelligence Agency at  
Selected Service Colleges  
**Ref:** (a) Your memo of 9 March 1960  
(b) DNI spdltr ser 3779P92 of 17 March 1960  
**Encl:** (1) Superintendent, U. S. Naval Postgraduate School spdltr ser  
941 of 1 April 1960  
(2) Director, Naval Intelligence School spdltr ser 376 of 30 Mar 1960

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) enclosures (1) and (2) indicate interest by Superintendent, U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, and the Director, Naval Intelligence School in subject presentations offered thru your office.
2. Direct liaison is recommended and authorized between your office or appropriate CIA representatives with the originators of enclosures (1) and (2).
3. It is requested that the Director of Naval Intelligence (Op-923T) be made a copy addressee of further correspondence in this matter.

Copy to:  
Superintendent,  
U.S. Naval Postgraduate School  
Director, Naval Intelligence School

*Lcdr Linbeck*

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Your Spdltr Op-923T Ser: 3779P92 of 17 March 1960 requests comments concerning orientation lectures by Central Intelligence Agency speakers.

It is believed that the proposed lectures would be of considerable interest to the personnel at this School provided the topics covered were timely, appropriate and interesting.

The possibility of a lecture series of some thirty to forty lectures is being investigated for the academic year commencing August 1960. It is quite possible that the proposed CIA lecture would fit into the series. In such an event, a request for the services of a CIA lecturer will be submitted.

/s/ LOWELL W. WILLIAMS  
Acting

COPY TO

ADDRESS: Superintendent  
U. S. Naval Postgraduate School  
Monterey, California

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1. OP-923T speedletter serial 3779P92 of 17 March 1960 requested this command to indicate its need for supplementary orientation lectures on the Central Intelligence Agency.
2. The present postgraduate curriculum includes various speakers from CIA on special subjects. There is a definite need, however, for an additional presentation on the CIA, along the lines mentioned in the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations) Memo of 9 March 1960.
3. It is suggested the presentation embrace the following areas:
  - a. Organization and Functions of CIA - Orientation in CIA functions including introductory information on clandestine services.
  - b. Organization and Mission of the Clandestine Services - Summary of intelligence and operations responsibilities.
  - c. CIA Support of Military Operations - Discussion of wartime organization and capability in support of military operations, including peacetime and wartime relationships between military and agency.
4. Experience at the school has shown that the areas mentioned above are most appropriate for inclusion within the curriculum. Officer students are assigned to a wide variety of intelligence billets within the intelligence community. If such a presentation can be arranged it would contribute greatly to the school's course of instruction.

G. S. COLEMAN

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ADDRESS: Director, Naval Intelligence School  
U.S. Naval Station  
Washington 25, D.C.

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*Capl. [Signature]*

*Apr 6, 1960*

**MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
(SPECIAL OPERATIONS)**

**SUBJECT: Proposal for Orientation Lectures on the Central Intelligence Agency at Selected Service Colleges**

1. This subject has been explored with appropriate Air Force school representatives. It is agreed that the more our service college students learn of the Central Intelligence Agency and other government agencies, the better prepared they will be for future assignments. However, it is the judgment of the Air University and the colleges concerned that the organization and functions of the Central Intelligence Agency need not be presented to their students as packaged orientation lectures. This aspect is covered in current reading assignments. The curricula of the War College and the Command and Staff College are compressed to such an extent that important orientation type subject matter is covered in required reading. Lecturers from Central Intelligence Agency are used on special subjects especially tailored to fit into the program of studies at the colleges. It is preferred to continue this type utilization of speakers from Central Intelligence Agency, two of whom are included on the lecture program of each college during the current school year.

2. The colleges at Maxwell do strive to improve their required reading materials and would like to have a package of current reading materials on organization and functions of the Central Intelligence Agency which is recommended by that agency. Furthermore, the Air University would appreciate a write-up of the orientation information which the Central Intelligence Agency feels would be appropriate for one hour or two hours of lecture. The Curriculum Boards of the Command and Staff College and the War College would review this material for possible oral presentation.



JOINT STAFF

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

*Cal Lander*  
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16 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL GRAVES B. ERSKINE  
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense  
(Special Operations)

Subject: Proposal for Orientation Lectures on  
the Central Intelligence Agency at  
Selected Service Colleges

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 9 March 1960 concerning orientation lectures on the Central Intelligence Agency at our Joint Colleges.

2. The need of each of these colleges for information about CIA varies with the college mission. The National War College and the Armed Forces Staff Colleges now have what is considered adequate coverage of CIA organization and functions as a regular part of the curricula. The Industrial College of the Armed Forces is interested in expanding its coverage of this subject and will communicate directly with CIA in this regard.

OLIVER S. FICHER  
Lt. General, USAF  
Director